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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 4 976 390 A (GEE ARNOLD E ET AL) 11 December 1990 (1990-12-11) column 1, line 39 - column 4, line 2; figures 2,4 -----	1,3-7, 14,16, 19,21
X	US 4 893 892 A (ZIEMEK GERHARD ET AL) 16 January 1990 (1990-01-16) column 1, line 50 - column 3, line 46; figures 1-6 -----	1,3,7, 17,18,20
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X	US 4 621 754 A (LONG ERIC L ET AL) 11 November 1986 (1986-11-11) column 2, line 25 - line 41; figures 12,13,14A column 4, line 4 - line 9 column 13, line 11 - line 41 -----	1-8,14, 16,21
X	WO 00 41013 A (BELDYCKI WOJCIECH ;VALDOR FIBER OPTICS INC (US)) 13 July 2000 (2000-07-13) page 2, line 14 - page 3, line 17; figure 16 page 15 - page 16 -----	1-7,16, 19-21

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

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3. Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

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This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-8,14-22,28

Device for cleaving an optical fibers with various fixing, cleaving and clamping mechanisms

1.1. claims: 1-3,8,16

The fixing element and mechanism

1.2. claims: 4,28

A portable handheld tool

1.3. claims: 14,15

An aperture for removing separated end portions of the cleaved optical fibers

1.4. claims: 17,18

A clamping mechanism including the use of tape to grip the fibers

1.5. claims: 5-7,19-22

The cleaving mechanism

2. claims: 9-13

Concerns cleaved end-faces being non-perpendicular to the fiber direction

3. claim: 23

Concerns the addition of a counting device

4. claims: 29-39

Concerns the addition of an external connector holder to the device

5. claims: 24-26

Cleaving a plurality of optical fibers simultaneously
